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OFFER TO SURRENDER THE ORIGINAL PATENT

Sir:

Michael L. Lynch, Chief Patent Counsel of the Assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,983,314 which is entitled OUTPUT BUFFER HAVING INHERENTLY PRECISE DATA MASKING and issued on November 9, 1999 to Micron Technology, Inc., hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent.

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FILING FORMAL DRAWINGS IN REISSUE APPLICATION

Sir:

Enclosed are the drawings from the original file of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,314 to be used for the reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,314. There are no changes in the drawings for the reissue application.

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